



R.E. "Red" Thompson

June 28, 1923 - August 21, 2016

Robert Edward "Red" Thompson, Jr., age 93, died Aug. 21, 2016.

He was born June 28, 1923, in Quinton to Robert Edward "Bob" and Gussie Thompson. The Thompson family moved to Henryetta by horse drawn covered wagon when Red was two years old.

Red attended Henryetta public schools and graduated from Henryetta High School in 1940. During World War II, he joined the United States Army and later became a pilot in the Army Air Corp. When the war was over, Red returned to Henryetta and took a job at the Pittsburg Plate Glass plant in the lab.

On Dec. 26, 1950, Red married Johanna Louise Schott, an RN from Oklahoma City. Together, they had two daughters, Vicki and Pam. The Thompsons' valued education and Red served for many years as president of the Board of Education for the Henryetta Public Schools. Vicki and Pam later graduated from the University of Oklahoma. Red worked for the Yeager Wholesale Co. and the Anderson Wholesale Co., as a traveling salesman for 20 years. In 1964, Red and Jo built what was to become one of Henryetta's most notable icons, the In and Out Drive In. They owned and operated the In and Out until 1977. Red later became a real estate broker and appraiser. He subsequently formed Red Thompson Real Estate. He worked until his retirement in 2013, at age 90.

He is preceded in death by: Parents, Sister Velma Morse.

He is survived by: his beloved wife of 64 years, Jo; . Daughters: Vicki Taylor and husband Michael, and Pam Sherkat and husband Danny; two granddaughters: Stephanie McKay and husband David, Lauren Perez and Travis Whitlock; two grandsons: Mike Taylor and wife Amanda and Kent Taylor and wife Denise and seven great grand children. Sister Thelma Wilson. Niece Marsh Smith and Nephew Dennis Morse.

Viewing will be from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 23 at the Rogers Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be held at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel Wednesday August 24 at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at the Westlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, or H.A.A.R.T. in Henryetta.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

2800 West Main
Henryetta, OK 74437

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rogers Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Rogers Funeral home created a Tribute Video in memory of R.E. "Red" Thompson*



Rogers Funeral Home - August 22, 2016 at 04:50 PM

MJ

Beautiful tribute for a very special and loved man! Thank you for glimpses into the life of a great person! I will miss the way he said my name eager to tell another story. I appreciated his company... the way he kept us intrigued and smiling. I love you and I will miss you Red! Your grandson, T

Michael Taylor Jr - August 22, 2016 at 08:55 PM

SJ

“ *We'll always remember Red as a fine gentleman with a loving heart, and a special fondness for his Brittany Spaniels. It was always a pleasure to visit with him. He was a treasure. ~Stanley and Pamela Jenkins*

Stanley/Pamela Jenkins - August 25, 2016 at 08:37 AM

DE

“ *We will always love you and cherish the times we spent with you at thanksgiving . You are a wonderful family man that always had a great story to share. Love always Kent , Denise , Harrison and Scarlett*

denise - August 24, 2016 at 12:32 PM

FC

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. We will be missing RED.*

Freddie and Tammy Chastain - August 23, 2016 at 08:14 PM

VS

“ Pam, Vicki, and Jo,
I'm so sorry about Red. He sure did a lot for Henryetta. I remember him serving on the school board, but best for the In & Out and building the round house. Any time I drive down 5th street and see the house, I always think of Red and Jo. Lots of good memories and our town is a better place because of him. Hugs and prayers,



Virginia 'Gail' Cunningham-Scott
aka Tweety

Virginia Scott - August 23, 2016 at 12:54 PM

KP

“ It is with a heavy heart that I just learned of my friend, 'Red's' passing. I have fond memories of 'Red' in our younger years when we used to bird hunt the pastures west of Henryetta for Quail. We even ventured west to the mountains of Colorado to hunt for Mule deer. Then, at later times, we would laugh ourselves silly recalling some of the adventures that resulted as a result of eating contaminated meat on the breakfast buffet at Lobo Lodge. I loved and respected 'Red' for his honesty and commitment to Jo and his daughters, Vickie & Pam. My prayers are with you all during the time of your loss. May God bless you all.
Kent Pharaoh

Kent Pharaoh - August 23, 2016 at 11:38 AM

HW

“ Jo, Vicki, Pam so sorry to hear of passing of Red. I worked for him and Jo at the In& Out . They were so nice to me and my family. They treated all of workers as family, that is hard to find these days. Red was always smiling and laughing with us. I had to cut up a chicken once lets just say that chicken had a lot of extra parts when I finished it. I still can hear Red and Mary Watson laughing. Needless to say they later taught me how to cut up a chicken. I LOVED working for them. I know you all will miss him my thoughts and prays to each of you. Just remember all fun and love he gave to everyone. your friends Hank and Anna Williams

Hank and Anna Williams - August 23, 2016 at 10:55 AM

BW

“ Jo, Pam and Vicki, so sorry to hear about the passing of Red. Always the good neighbor and family friend. Praying for you guys.

Bill Wailes - August 22, 2016 at 05:43 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Rogers Funeral Home - August 22, 2016 at 04:36 PM



So sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful neighbor. I enjoyed talking to him as he was very intelligent. Prayers to all the family

Betty Hedrick - August 22, 2016 at 07:52 PM



“ David Heath lit a candle in memory of R.E. "Red" Thompson



David Heath - August 22, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ Jean Sasson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of R.E. "Red" Thompson.



Jean Sasson - August 22, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ Jean Sasson, Family friend purchased the Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket for the family of R.E. "Red" Thompson.



Jean Sasson, Family friend - August 22, 2016 at 02:42 PM

JS

“ Jean Sasson sent a virtual gift in memory of R.E. "Red" Thompson



Jean Sasson - August 22, 2016 at 01:56 PM

JS

“ I had never before been to Oklahoma and certainly not to the delightful but small town of Henryetta until the mid-70's when I visited my friend Vicki - Jo & Red's daughter - WHAT A TRIP THAT WAS! Red & Jo was lovely and welcome me into their home... Nothing had prepared me for the plains weather/most particularly the strong winds! I was stunned by the force of the wind and I've never seen anyone laugh so strongly as Red when I tried to get into the back seat of his car but couldn't make it because the strong wind blew me so hard that I ended hanging on to a light post or, I suppose, be blown away, never to be seen again! His delight at the hilarious sight I made hanging onto the post is something I'll never forget.

He was a very special man in so many ways.

My heart goes out to the family as there is never a time when we can bear to lose our loved ones.

Jean Sasson - August 22, 2016 at 01:52 PM

JS

TYPO: Sorry, Red and Jo WERE lovely!

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“ Red and Jo's daughter, Vicki, has been one of my dearest friends for over 30 years. I met Red when I was a guest in their home. He was such a force of life -- larger than life as they say. I remember him as a man of strong convictions yet always smiling and happy when I met him -- and, one of the hardest working men I have ever known. His history in his Obit really caught my eye. As I told his daughter, he was quite the man -- pilot in WWII, coming home to raise a family, and always working and contributing to society, especially when it came to the importance of education. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him. My heartfelt condolences go to Red's lovely wife Jo, his two beautiful daughters, Vicki & Pam, and their spouses, Michael and Danny, his two lovely granddaughters and their families... As a long-time friend, I know that Jo, Vicki & Pam were by Red's side always to help and comfort him in his aging years. While they will have sorrow, they should not have regrets, for they were so supportive of Red...

Jean Sasson - August 22, 2016 at 01:34 PM

JT

*I never knew Red well, but whenever I visited by brother Mike, he always made me feel welcome. Red's stories of his earlier days living and working in OK always fascinated me. He lived a good life, married a good woman, worked hard and raised a fine family. That's about the best you can say of anybody. Warm thoughts to to all!
John.*

John Taylor - September 22, 2016 at 12:27 PM